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REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 19-25 have been examined and rejected.

Claim 1 has been cancelled herein.

Claims 13 and 21 have been amended herein.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Basis of Rejection

In the last Office Action dated October 31, 2003, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 7-8 and 21-25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Kayer and further in view of Maaskamp. The Examiner indicated that Claims 13-14 and 19-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response To Rejection

Applicant has amended Claim 13 to be in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 1 has been cancelled and Claim 21 has been amended to be dependent upon Claim 13. Please note that Claim 7 was previously and remains dependent upon Claim 13. Accordingly, all claims should now be allowable.

Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for her examination of this case. In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, reexamination and allowance of Claims 7, 8, 13, 14 and 19-25 are respectfully requested.

The \$110 extension fee due in connection with the filing of this Amendment within one month after expiration of the due date set forth in the final Office Action is

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covered by a charge authorization filed concurrently herewith. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this Amendment. If, however, any such fees are due, including extension or petition fees, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 501402.

Respectfully Submitted,

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